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## GEORGIA LICENSE PLATE DESIGN CONTEST REVOTE BEGINS TODAY

The Georgia Department of Revenue reminds the public that voting in the Georgia License Plate Design Contest will <u>begin today at 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 18</u>. Voting will last for three weeks and <u>end Monday, August 8 at 3:00 p.m.</u>

All eight license plate designs can be accessed here for purposes of voting online: https://etax.dor.ga.gov

As provided for in the Georgia Code, the Department encourages the public to vote for the license plate design that will "advertise, popularize and otherwise promote Georgia as the Peach State." All standard issue Georgia motor vehicle license plates must have the County Label (name) affixed to them, unless exempted by Code. See O.C.G.A. §§ 40-2-9 and 40-2-31.

Taxpayers may go to their county tag office and pay \$1.00 to obtain an "In God We Trust" Label which may be placed over the County Label. This option will still be in effect upon the production of the new license plates.

Upon the conclusion of online voting on Monday, August 8, the three license plate designs garnering the most votes will comprise the Finalists to be presented to Governor Nathan Deal. Governor Deal will subsequently announce the winning design. Also participating in the announcement ceremony will be the winning artist along with Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle and State Revenue Commissioner Doug MacGinnitie.

Later this year, the Department will begin manufacturing digital (flat) license plates including the new license plate design. This new production process will result in a cost savings to the State and give customers the option of having their license plate delivered to them instead of having to go to the county offices.

Georgia taxpayers will not incur any added expense for production of the new license plates. The Department will be replacing existing license plates only when the plate exceeds the minimum five year life as set forth by the Georgia Code.